

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**PROCLAIMING APRIL 2019 NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH**  
**"Connecting the Unconnected"**

1 **WHEREAS**, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services  
2 to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and  
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4 **WHEREAS**, counties move America forward by providing health care, administering justice, keeping  
5 communities safe, creating economic opportunities and much more; and  
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7 **WHEREAS**, through National Association of Counties President Greg Cox's "Connecting the Unconnected"  
8 initiative, NACo is demonstrating how counties deliver "people-centered services to our residents nationwide;  
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11 **WHEREAS**, each year since 1991, NACo has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote  
12 their own programs and services to the public they serve; and  
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14 **WHEREAS**, Rock County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health,  
15 welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and  
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17 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Administrator's Office strives to treat citizens with courtesy and as valued  
18 customers. This office will be open to new ideas, learn new methods, and identify opportunities for  
19 operating more effectively and efficiently, including through consultation with colleagues, professional  
20 associations, training, and other methods of professional development; and  
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22 **WHEREAS**, some Rock County Departments use social media, such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, to  
23 connect to our residents and maximize government efficiency; and  
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25 **WHEREAS**, a portion of Rock County's budget is contributed to nonprofit agencies in various programs  
26 yearly. In 2019, a few of those agencies were the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, YWCA of Rock  
27 County, Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois and Court Appointed Special  
28 Advocates; and  
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30 **WHEREAS**, Council on Aging provides numerous resources to the disabled and elderly, as well as  
31 family members, neighbors, friends and caregivers alike. Through the Older American Act and  
32 partnership with other agencies and medical community, six evidence-based health promotion programs  
33 are offered to Rock County seniors, namely Living Well with Chronic Conditions, Stepping On, Powerful  
34 Tools for Caregivers, Healthy Eating for Successful Living in Older Adults, Lighten UP and Walk with  
35 Ease. Council on Aging further offers nutrition and meal programs, such as Home Delivered Meals,  
36 which they delivered over 29,000 meals in 2018; and  
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38 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Communications Center (9-1-1) is designed to provide the most efficient  
39 method for citizens to obtain fast, effective public safety services 24 hours a day throughout the year. The  
40 Communications Center regularly provides tours and conducts public presentations to schools and other  
41 community organizations. This program is essential to building a good relationship with the public and  
42 making certain that as new technologies emerge, the public is aware and trained on how to utilize them  
43 properly. The Communications Center also regularly attends job and community events, such as the Rock  
44 County Fair and National Night Out, to promote the Center and encourage people within our community  
45 to consider employment at the center; and

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46 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Public Health Department creates, maintains and continuously improves  
47 conditions that will ensure the health and safety of those who live, work and play in Rock County. Public  
48 health is commonly described as what we do together as a society to ensure the conditions in which  
49 everyone can be healthy; and

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51 **WHEREAS**, Rock Haven serves those in need of rehabilitation, the frail elderly, those with behavioral,  
52 emotional and psychiatric needs and those with developmental disabilities. On campus activities include  
53 live music, games, craft projects, movies, groups and more. Through Rock Haven’s own transportation  
54 service, they are able to take residents on community outings such as bowling, shows, or picnics; and

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56 **WHEREAS**, one way the Rock County Sheriff’s Office communicates with the community is by  
57 providing advisory news and media releases via email and/or text messages. They further offer and take  
58 part in many community based events, such as Shakes with the Sheriff and the 2019 Severe Weather  
59 Safety & Spotter Training. Rock County Officers often take time out of their day to participate in area  
60 school programs, such as Drop Everything and Read and a Reality Maze, talking to area students about  
61 making positive choices; and

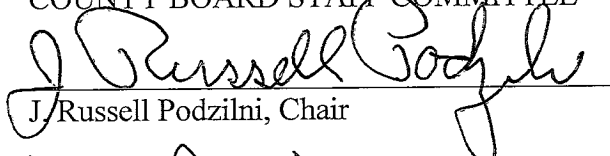
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63 **WHEREAS**, UW-Extension has county-based educators that work with residents, organizations,  
64 communities and volunteer groups within the county to determine priority educational needs, deliver  
65 high-quality programming aimed at these issues and develop local leadership and serve as the extension  
66 of the University of Wisconsin knowledge and resources to cooperating agencies. One program of UW-  
67 Extension is FoodWise, which brings over \$450,000 in federal USDA funds into the county for  
68 educational programming directed to families with limited resources; and

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70 **WHEREAS**, Rock County continues to explore ways to connect to the residents in the spirit of building  
71 healthy, safe and vibrant communities.

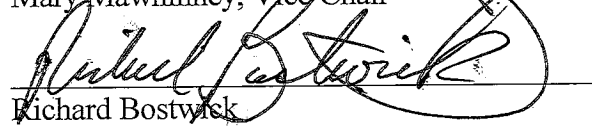
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73 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
74 this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 does hereby proclaim April 2019 as National County Government  
75 Month in honor of all county officials, employees and partners.

Respectfully submitted,

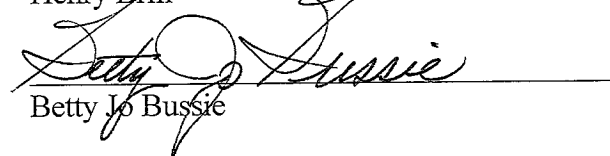
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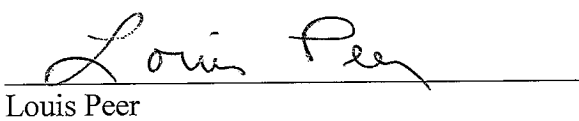
  
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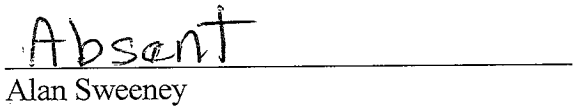
  
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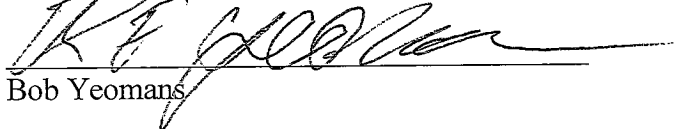
  
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